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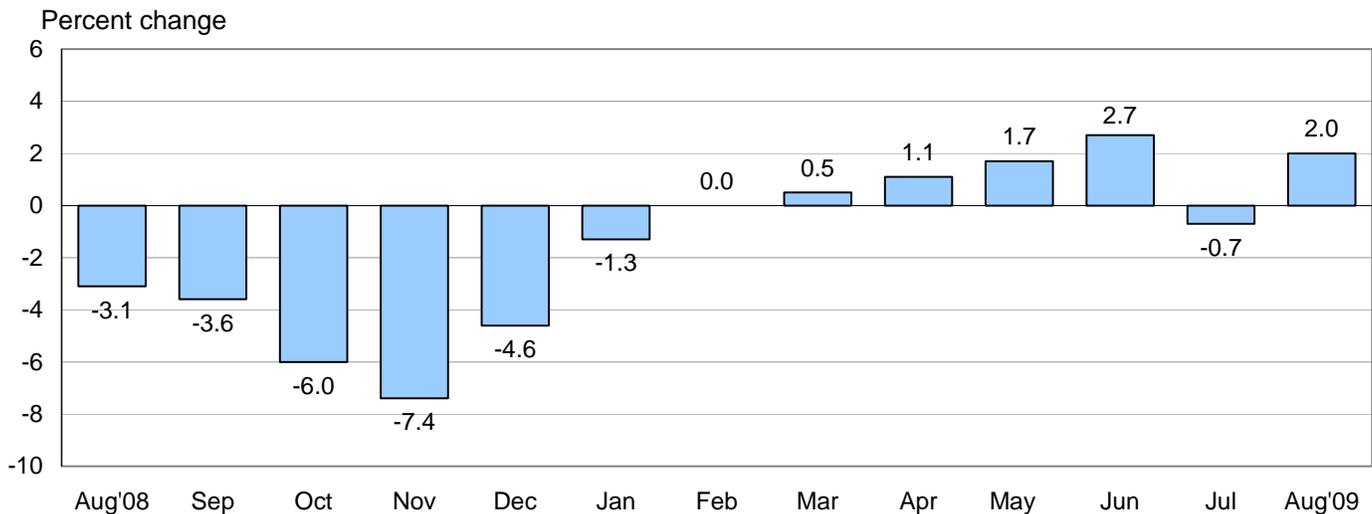
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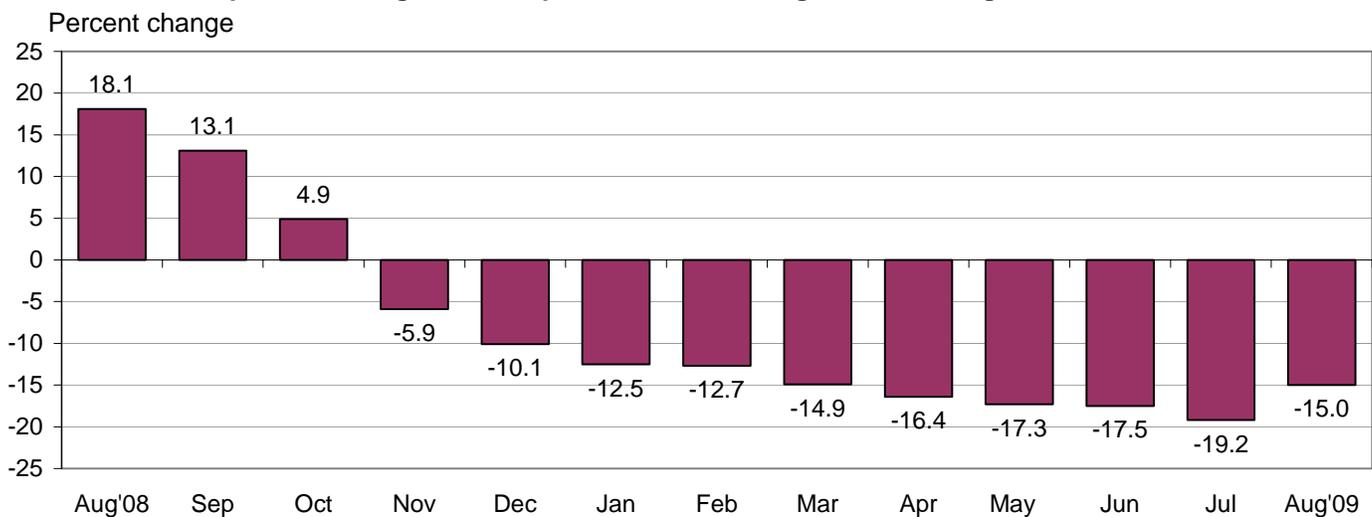
### U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES – AUGUST 2009

The U.S. Import Price Index increased 2.0 percent in August, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today, driven primarily by a 9.8 percent advance in fuel prices. Import prices fell 0.7 percent in July. Prices for U.S. exports rose 0.7 percent in August after falling 0.3 percent the previous month.

**Chart 1. One-month percent change in the Import Price Index: August 2008 – August 2009**



**Chart 2. 12-month percent change in the Import Price Index: August 2008 – August 2009**



**All Imports:** Import prices increased for the fifth time in the past six months in August, rising 2.0 percent for the month. Despite the recent advances, the price index for overall imports fell 15.0 percent over the past year and the decline was led by a 21.0 percent decrease for the index between August 2008 and January 2009. Import prices subsequently rose 7.6 percent from January 2009 to August 2009.

**Fuel Imports:** Volatile fuel prices were the primary contributor to both the August increase and 12-month decrease in overall import prices. The price index for import fuel advanced 9.8 percent in August and declined 39.6 percent for the August 2008-2009 period, though prices rose 61.5 percent from January to August.

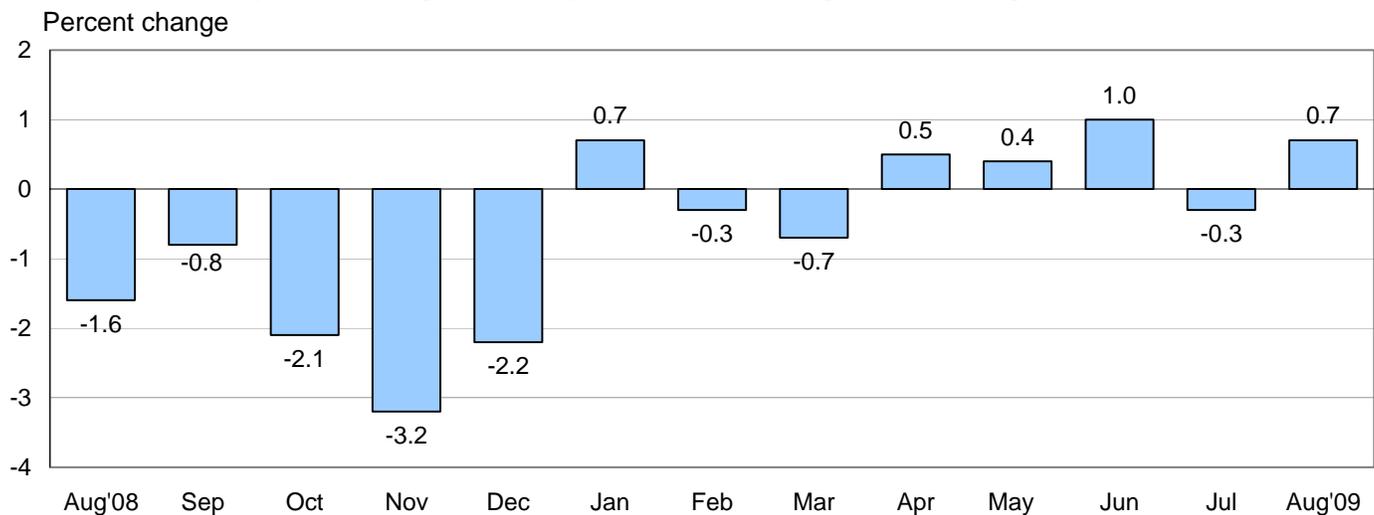
**All Imports Excluding Fuel:** Prices for imports excluding fuel increased 0.4 percent in August following a 0.2 percent decline the previous month. The August increase was the largest monthly advance since a 0.6 percent increase in July 2008 and was led by higher prices for industrial supplies and materials. Despite the increase in August, prices for imports excluding fuel remain down 5.1 percent over the past 12 months, similar to the 5.3 percent decrease recorded for the year ended in July, which was the largest 12-month drop since the index was first published in December 2001.

**Table A. Percent changes**

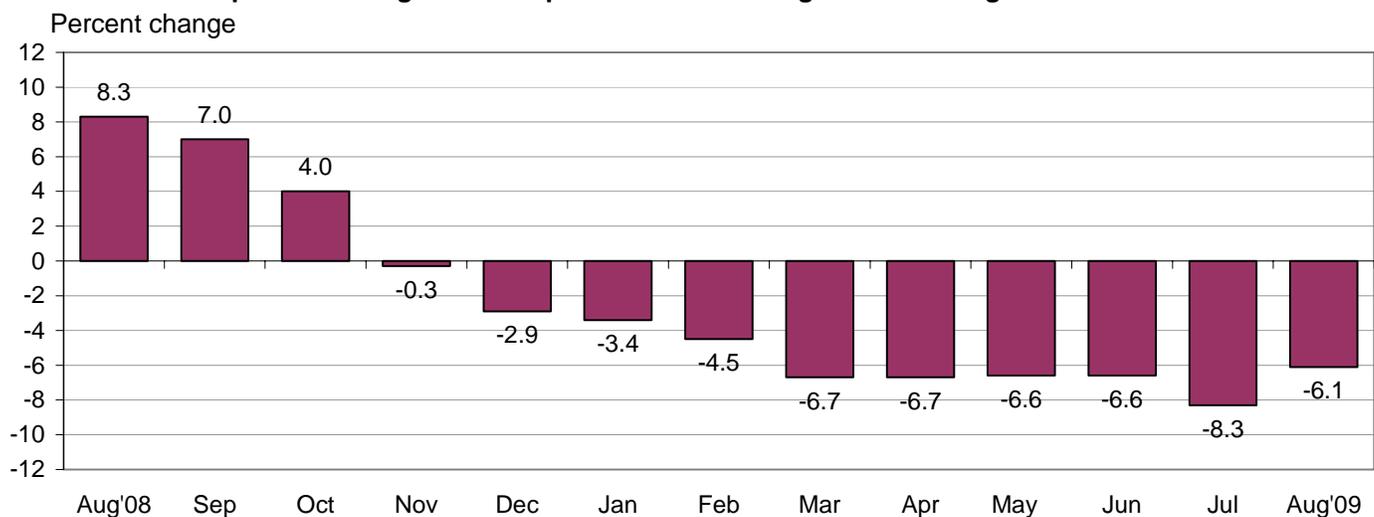
Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All imports	Fuel imports	Nonfuel imports	All exports	Agricultural exports	Non-agricultural exports
<b>2008</b>						
August.....	-3.1	-10.4	0.2	-1.6	-9.6	-0.7
September.....	-3.6	-11.7	-0.5	-0.8	0.1	-0.9
October.....	-6.0	-20.8	-0.8	-2.1	-8.4	-1.4
November.....	-7.4	-27.8	-1.7	-3.2	-6.9	-2.8
December.....	-4.6	-22.2	-1.1	-2.2	-6.1	-1.9
<b>2009</b>						
January.....	-1.3	-4.7	-0.7	0.7	5.9	0.3
February.....	0.0	2.7	-0.4	-0.3	-1.7	-0.2
March.....	0.5	7.8	-0.6	-0.7	-3.4	-0.4
April.....	1.1	7.5	0.1	0.5	3.7	0.2
May.....	1.7	9.8 <sup>r</sup>	0.2	0.4 <sup>r</sup>	3.6 <sup>r</sup>	0.3
June.....	2.7 <sup>r</sup>	16.0 <sup>r</sup>	0.2 <sup>r</sup>	1.0	4.2 <sup>r</sup>	0.6 <sup>r</sup>
July.....	-0.7	-2.9 <sup>r</sup>	-0.2 <sup>r</sup>	-0.3	-4.9	0.1 <sup>r</sup>
August.....	2.0	9.8	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.8
Aug. 2007 to 2008.....	18.1	60.7	6.6	8.3	25.0	6.8
Aug. 2008 to 2009.....	-15.0	-39.6	-5.1	-6.1	-14.1	-5.3

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**Chart 3. One-month percent change in the Export Price Index: August 2008 – August 2009**



**Chart 4. 12-month percent change in the Export Price Index: August 2008 – August 2009**



**All Exports:** The price index for overall exports increased 0.7 percent in August, led upward mostly by a 0.8 percent advance in nonagricultural export prices. The rise followed a 0.3 percent decline in July and resumed the upward trend recorded in April, May, and June. Export prices fell 6.1 percent for the 12 months ended in August despite the recent advances, driven by a 7.3 percent drop in the final quarter of 2008.

**Agricultural Exports:** Agricultural prices ticked up 0.2 percent in August after a 4.9 percent decline in July. Falling wheat prices were more than offset by higher prices for fruit and corn. Prices for export agricultural goods decreased 14.1 percent over the past year, a decline that was led by a drop in prices for corn, wheat, meat, and soybeans.

**All Exports Excluding Agriculture:** The price index for nonagricultural exports rose 0.8 percent in August, the largest one-month rise since the index increased 0.9 percent in July 2008. The advance was driven by a 2.3 percent rise in nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices. Prices for each of the major finished goods areas also contributed to the overall increase. August marked the fifth consecutive month the price index for nonagricultural prices advanced, but the index declined 5.3 percent for the August 2008-2009 period.

## SELECTED AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

### Import Prices

**Foods, Feeds, and Beverages:** Import foods, feeds, and beverages prices rose 1.7 percent in August, the largest monthly increase since a 2.0 percent advance in December 2008. The August advance was led by a turnaround in green coffee prices which were down in July. Higher prices for meat, fruit, and vegetables also contributed to the increase in foods, feeds, and beverages prices in August.

**Nonfuel Industrial Supplies and Materials:** A 1.3 percent jump in nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices was the largest contributor to higher nonfuel prices in August. The advance was driven by higher metals prices and was the biggest one-month increase since July 2008.

**Finished Goods:** Finished goods prices were mixed in August. Automotive vehicles prices rose 0.2 percent and capital goods prices ticked up 0.1 percent. In contrast, consumer goods prices edged down 0.2 percent led by lower prices for import televisions and video receivers.

**Transportation Services:** The indexes for both air freight prices and air passenger fares decreased in August. Air freight prices edged down 0.2 percent while air passenger fares decreased 2.2 percent.

**Imports by Locality of Origin:** Higher fuel prices impacted a couple of the major locality of origin indexes in August. The price indexes for imports from Canada and from Mexico each rose for the month, increasing 2.7 percent and 2.3 percent, respectively. Prices of imports from China and from Japan also rose in August, increasing 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively.

### Export Prices

**Nonagricultural Industrial Supplies and Materials:** Prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials advanced 2.3 percent in August, driven by higher prices for fuel and metals. Prices for aluminum, copper, and precious metals all increased in August.

**Finished Goods:** Prices for each of the major finished goods areas advanced in August. Led by higher computer prices, capital goods prices ticked up 0.1 percent in August. Prices for automotive vehicles also rose a modest 0.1 percent while consumer goods prices increased 0.3 percent.

**Transportation Services:** In contrast to imports, the export price index for export air freight and export air passenger fares increased in August. Prices for export air freight rose 0.5 percent and export air passenger fares jumped 9.6 percent, led by a sharp rise in Asian fares.

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**Import and Export Price Index data for September 2009 are scheduled for release on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).**

**Table 1. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: August 2008 to August 2009**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance July 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			July 2009	Aug. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2008 to Aug. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009	June 2009 to July 2009	July 2009 to Aug. 2009
<b>All commodities.....</b>		100.000	119.2	121.6	-15.0	1.7	2.7	-0.7	2.0
<b>All imports excluding petroleum.....</b>		83.177	107.2	107.6	-6.5	0.2	0.2	-0.3	0.4
<b>All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100)..</b>		81.838	111.0	111.4	-5.1	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.4
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages.....</b>	0	4.692	138.4	140.8	-6.4	0.2	0.4	-1.0	1.7
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	3.621	153.5	156.8	-6.6	0.5	0.3	-1.3	2.1
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.071	104.3	104.7	-5.6	-0.5	0.8	-0.1	0.4
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>	1	31.885	174.2	184.9	-31.7	5.6	8.8	-1.8	6.1
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		15.062	131.0	132.8	-23.1	0.7	0.7	-0.9	1.4
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		13.723	146.1	148.0	-18.8	1.1	0.3	-0.3	1.3
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		8.666	138.5	140.8	-19.5	0.3	1.3	1.8	1.7
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.057	122.1	123.1	-27.2	1.2	-0.2	-4.2	0.8
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	18.161	215.7	236.8	-39.6	9.8	16.0	-2.9	9.8
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	16.822	235.2	259.8	-38.1	11.1	17.2	-2.6	10.5
Crude.....	10000	12.302	242.9	270.0	-39.1	13.1	15.9	-1.8	11.2
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	1.144	104.1	105.4	-53.9	-3.4	3.6	-7.5	1.2
Gas-natural.....	10110	0.937	88.9	90.2	-60.0	-4.1	4.3	-9.0	1.5
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.679	99.0	98.9	-17.4	-1.2	-1.5	-2.8	-0.1
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.456	132.3	133.5	-16.4	2.9	-1.1	-3.9	0.9
Selected building materials.....	13	1.674	118.2	119.5	-2.1	-0.6	1.3	1.9	1.1
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	3.519	184.7	190.1	-29.7	1.0	3.2	3.6	2.9
Finished metals related to durable goods. ...	15	1.851	133.6	134.9	-16.9	0.8	-0.2	0.3	1.0
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.544	102.7	103.2	-7.7	-0.9	-0.4	-0.3	0.5
<b>Capital goods.....</b>	2	23.818	91.9	92.0	-1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Electric generating equipment.....	20	3.067	110.2	110.3	-2.4	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.1
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	18.616	86.5	86.5	-2.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	2.135	123.1	123.3	4.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.2
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines.....</b>	3	14.095	108.1	108.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives..</b>	4	25.510	104.1	103.9	-1.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	11.751	107.7	107.7	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	-0.4	0.0
Durables, manufactured.....	41	12.534	100.6	100.4	-1.3	0.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.225	101.5	101.0	-5.3	-1.4	0.1	0.1	-0.5

<sup>1</sup> Relative importance figures are based on 2007 trade values.

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**Table 2. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: August 2008 to August 2009**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance July 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			July 2009	Aug. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2008 to Aug. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009	June 2009 to July 2009	July 2009 to Aug. 2009
<b>All commodities.....</b>		100.000	117.4	118.2	-6.1	0.4	1.0	-0.3	0.7
<b>Agricultural commodities.....</b>		8.830	161.3	161.7	-14.1	3.6	4.2	-4.9	0.2
<b>Nonagricultural commodities.....</b>		91.171	114.2	115.1	-5.3	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.8
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages.....</b>	0	8.209	165.0	164.9	-13.0	2.8	4.4	-5.6	-0.1
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	7.547	167.6	167.3	-14.1	3.2	4.8	-6.1	-0.2
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.662	143.3	145.0	-0.5	-2.7	0.3	1.1	1.2
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>	1	27.099	140.4	143.6	-17.5	0.6	2.0	0.0	2.3
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		10.590	145.0	147.7	-15.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.9
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		16.509	138.3	141.9	-18.5	0.5	2.8	-0.4	2.6
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	10	1.283	134.9	138.4	-14.0	5.3	0.6	3.0	2.6
<b>Nonagricultural industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>		25.816	140.9	144.1	-17.7	0.4	2.0	-0.1	2.3
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	3.671	165.4	181.7	-34.1	2.1	9.1	-5.3	9.9
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	21.124	139.7	141.1	-14.6	0.1	0.9	0.9	1.0
Selected building materials.....	13	1.021	112.5	113.7	-1.3	-0.9	0.4	-0.4	1.1
<b>Capital goods.....</b>	2	41.433	103.4	103.5	1.6	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.727	106.9	107.0	-2.0	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.1
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	28.695	94.7	94.9	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	9.010	137.6	137.6	5.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.0
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines.....</b>	3	10.357	107.8	107.9	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.1
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives..</b>	4	12.903	108.7	109.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.718	108.3	108.8	-0.7	0.6	0.6	-0.1	0.5
Durables, manufactured.....	41	6.083	109.5	109.6	2.2	0.3	0.2	1.3	0.1

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**Table 3. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: August 2008 to August 2009**

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance July 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			July 2009	Aug. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2008 to Aug. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009	June 2009 to July 2009	July 2009 to Aug. 2009
<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		15.717	108.2	117.7	-39.2	8.8	12.9	-2.3	8.8
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	1.691	129.0	133.0	-7.3	-2.0	-1.0	-3.2	3.1
Crop production.....	111	1.213	135.9	140.6	-3.7	-2.6	-0.9	-4.6	3.5
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	14.026	105.9	115.9	-41.6	10.3	15.1	-2.3	9.4
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.440	125.7	125.7	-0.5	-0.5	0.8	-3.0	0.0
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		83.753	106.5	107.2	-6.8	0.6	0.9	-0.3	0.7
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	10.489	106.6	106.9	-3.0	0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.3
Food manufacturing.....	311	2.446	116.2	117.3	-11.0	0.7	1.4	0.0	0.9
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.949	107.3	107.3	1.0	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.0
Textile mills.....	313	0.453	112.3	112.3	-1.8	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.0
Textile product mills.....	314	0.811	99.4	99.4	-2.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	4.246	101.8	101.9	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	-0.4	0.1
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.583	107.0	107.2	1.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	0.2
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	17.704	112.0	114.9	-13.6	1.9	3.8	-2.2	2.6
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	1.010	93.3	95.1	-4.0	-1.0	1.9	3.8	1.9
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.222	99.0	98.5	-13.7	-0.6	-0.8	-3.2	-0.5
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	3.751	104.8	116.3	-33.2	7.1	19.7	-5.9	11.0
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	8.565	118.5	118.8	-7.4	1.5	0.0	-1.6	0.3
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.869	111.8	112.1	-1.5	-0.4	-0.2	-0.4	0.3
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	1.177	119.8	119.6	3.5	0.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.2
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	55.560	104.7	104.9	-4.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.061	124.5	127.6	-30.7	0.3	1.5	2.2	2.5
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.833	115.9	115.7	-5.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	7.009	112.1	112.2	0.8	-0.2	0.5	0.5	0.1
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	15.350	88.9	88.9	-3.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	4.077	112.5	112.6	-1.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Transportation equipment manufacturing. . .	336	15.298	105.5	105.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.600	109.4	109.3	-1.9	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	-0.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.331	111.9	111.8	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.2	-0.1

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**Table 4. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: August 2008 to August 2009**

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance July 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			July 2009	Aug. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2008 to Aug. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009	June 2009 to July 2009	July 2009 to Aug. 2009
<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		6.071	119.5	121.1	-18.5	3.5	4.2	-6.7	1.3
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	4.846	139.9	140.4	-16.5	4.4	5.0	-7.8	0.4
Crop production.....	111	4.507	144.5	144.7	-17.2	4.9	5.3	-8.1	0.1
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	1.225	74.5	78.5	-25.0	-0.1	1.3	-2.4	5.4
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	0.943	86.1	87.0	-14.4	-1.7	1.4	-2.4	1.0
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		92.120	108.4	109.0	-4.2	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.6
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	6.622	120.5	120.4	-5.1	1.4	1.8	0.1	-0.1
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.462	135.5	135.1	-6.4	2.1	2.4	-0.1	-0.3
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.519	106.9	107.0	1.2	0.3	1.2	-0.1	0.1
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	0.391	102.4	102.4	1.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.0
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	21.823	110.0	111.8	-12.9	0.3	2.2	-0.1	1.6
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.452	105.0	106.1	-5.4	-2.4	0.4	1.1	1.0
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.875	109.4	109.3	-6.0	-1.7	0.8	-1.0	-0.1
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	2.139	96.2	109.5	-41.1	2.1	15.4	-9.7	13.8
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	14.342	113.5	114.0	-9.0	0.4	1.3	1.7	0.4
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.177	108.0	107.9	-2.8	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-0.1
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.839	109.7	109.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	-3.0	0.0
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	63.675	106.5	106.7	-0.7	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.185	120.2	121.4	-21.7	-0.8	0.8	0.4	1.0
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. ....	332	2.835	120.9	121.2	2.0	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.2
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	12.787	112.4	112.3	1.4	0.1	-0.1	0.5	-0.1
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	16.592	93.8	94.1	-0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.618	107.1	107.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	18.345	110.3	110.3	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.971	110.6	110.6	1.4	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.0

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**Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: August 2008 to August 2009**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance July 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			July 2009	Aug. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2008 to Aug. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009	June 2009 to July 2009	July 2009 to Aug. 2009
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	1.145	129.5	130.6	-11.8	0.2	2.1	0.4	0.8
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.259	153.5	156.6	-11.3	1.7	2.8	1.8	2.0
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.563	99.3	99.8	-8.6	-0.9	1.4	-0.5	0.5
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	1.415	154.2	159.7	-2.9	-1.7	-1.3	-4.3	3.6
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.418	282.5	291.8	32.8	-5.9	-7.4	-3.6	3.3
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.413	97.5	100.4	-12.7	2.7	0.0	-6.1	3.0
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.250	147.7	164.2	-4.7	4.3	5.2	-8.3	11.2
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	2.313	135.0	135.8	-4.7	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.252	111.6	111.7	-2.4	1.3	2.8	1.4	0.1
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.282	125.1	125.5	-10.5	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.3
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.953	116.4	116.5	-2.8	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	18.307	217.7	238.4	-38.5	9.4	15.5	-3.1	9.5
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	17.936	214.7	235.5	-39.6	9.7	15.8	-3.0	9.7
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	7.775	129.9	130.8	-8.2	2.2	-0.7	-1.1	0.7
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.729	201.3	194.1	-29.4	25.4	-9.6	-9.5	-3.6
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.488	125.6	128.4	-4.5	0.2	1.5	0.8	2.2
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.765	114.0	114.0	-0.3	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.0
Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	32	0.174	104.5	104.6	-2.3	-0.2	0.1	0.6	0.1
Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	33	0.430	120.3	120.5	-4.4	0.1	1.2	1.3	0.2
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.428	89.6	89.8	-12.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.8	0.2
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	2.923	126.0	126.4	-8.3	1.2	0.4	-2.9	0.3
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	1.902	123.6	123.8	-8.2	1.8	0.7	-4.3	0.2
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.021	130.7	131.4	-8.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.5
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.630	113.2	113.4	0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	0.2
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.568	114.2	114.4	0.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	0.2
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	1.037	113.7	115.8	-4.6	-0.9	1.8	3.3	1.8
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	1.408	104.8	104.3	-11.3	-0.5	-0.7	-3.1	-0.5
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	0.968	102.7	101.5	-11.1	-0.7	-1.1	-4.7	-1.2
Printed matter.....	49	0.289	120.3	120.3	1.8	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	5.333	102.7	102.8	-1.3	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	2.013	99.6	99.6	-1.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	2.041	102.9	102.9	0.2	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	0.0
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.548	90.7	90.7	-5.0	0.0	-0.1	0.4	0.0
<b>Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc. ..</b>	XII	1.292	107.6	107.6	1.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.0
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.088	106.6	106.7	1.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	0.1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: August 2008 to August 2009 — Continued**  
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance July 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			July 2009	Aug. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2008 to Aug. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009	June 2009 to July 2009	July 2009 to Aug. 2009
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....</b>	XIII	1.049	124.8	124.4	4.5	0.2	0.7	-0.4	-0.3
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.389	117.6	117.4	1.6	-0.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.2
Ceramic products.....	69	0.331	139.4	139.3	12.9	1.1	1.7	-0.1	-0.1
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.328	117.3	116.6	0.0	0.2	0.3	-0.9	-0.6
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	2.664	140.5	140.1	-9.1	0.7	3.0	-0.1	-0.3
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	5.569	153.0	155.7	-25.3	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.8
Iron and steel.....	72	1.199	178.6	184.6	-40.7	-4.7	0.1	2.1	3.4
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.762	136.8	134.9	-19.1	-1.2	-2.7	-1.9	-1.4
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.589	245.3	262.8	-19.1	12.7	4.9	4.5	7.1
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.720	109.4	115.0	-27.4	4.2	0.8	3.5	5.1
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.398	117.3	117.3	0.9	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.481	130.1	129.0	-1.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.8
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	26.302	87.0	87.1	-1.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	13.290	88.3	88.4	-0.8	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	13.012	85.7	85.8	-3.1	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.1
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	13.035	109.8	109.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	11.836	108.8	108.9	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	1.094	115.6	115.9	3.3	0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.3
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	3.262	102.3	102.3	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	2.928	100.0	100.0	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.253	123.8	123.8	1.4	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.0
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	4.322	108.1	108.0	0.6	0.1	-0.2	0.3	-0.1
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	2.352	112.4	112.4	-0.5	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.0
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.752	101.5	101.5	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.218	116.3	116.3	2.8	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2007 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.

Dash = Not available

**Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: August 2008 to August 2009**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance July 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			July 2009	Aug. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2008 to Aug. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009	June 2009 to July 2009	July 2009 to Aug. 2009
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	1.529	157.8	157.5	-12.9	0.6	1.7	-1.3	-0.2
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100). . .	02	0.800	127.8	126.6	-17.7	3.4	3.6	-3.1	-0.9
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.389	141.9	143.2	-4.1	-3.4	-1.3	0.6	0.9
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	4.651	187.6	187.7	-15.4	4.2	5.6	-8.7	0.1
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.582	102.7	106.0	-14.5	-1.5	1.5	1.5	3.2
Cereals.....	10	1.825	183.4	183.7	-25.4	1.3	8.1	-17.4	0.2
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.589	228.7	228.6	-9.2	9.9	8.0	-3.9	0.0
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	2.514	139.8	138.9	2.0	1.3	2.1	-0.7	-0.6
Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	21	0.366	117.6	117.4	-2.7	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec.2008=100).....	22	0.285	101.7	101.9	-	0.6	1.4	-0.1	0.2
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.569	210.7	204.7	2.9	6.1	9.3	-3.5	-2.8
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	3.504	187.8	207.2	-38.3	2.7	9.2	-7.7	10.3
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	3.008	181.1	202.4	-39.5	3.1	10.3	-8.4	11.8
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	11.777	136.1	136.4	-7.6	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.2
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.250	188.2	188.3	-8.5	-2.7	-2.2	2.3	0.1
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.318	139.4	141.6	-16.3	1.5	1.7	0.6	1.6
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.675	115.3	115.5	-2.4	0.6	0.8	-0.7	0.2
Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	32	0.543	114.2	114.2	-1.3	0.4	1.5	0.2	0.0
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.737	124.7	126.0	1.7	1.2	1.3	-0.2	1.0
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.413	115.2	114.7	-5.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	-0.4
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.815	132.0	131.7	1.5	-1.0	2.2	0.5	-0.2
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	5.385	133.8	134.3	-10.0	0.0	0.6	3.1	0.4
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.394	129.3	129.4	-9.6	0.1	1.1	3.3	0.1
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	0.991	152.6	155.3	-11.5	-0.3	-1.6	2.5	1.8
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.290	86.0	93.2	-19.8	-1.9	4.1	8.7	8.4
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	0.554	100.0	102.1	-9.4	-1.5	0.5	-2.4	2.1
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	2.373	106.9	107.4	-9.2	-0.5	1.4	-0.4	0.5
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.519	94.5	96.9	-26.0	-1.1	5.2	1.4	2.5
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.315	110.4	110.1	-3.0	-0.6	0.3	-1.5	-0.3
Printed material.....	49	0.538	117.0	117.1	-1.6	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.1
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	1.989	103.1	102.7	-6.5	1.7	-0.9	1.2	-0.4
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.563	95.5	94.9	-15.9	6.2	-3.5	4.6	-0.6
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc. (Dec.2008=100).....</b>	XIII	0.828	113.6	113.6	1.5	0.1	0.1	-2.0	0.0
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.430	96.2	96.2	-2.7	0.1	-0.1	-3.9	0.0
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	3.880	173.9	173.8	-8.3	-1.0	2.6	1.6	-0.1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: August 2008 to August 2009 — Continued**  
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance July 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			July 2009	Aug. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2008 to Aug. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009	June 2009 to July 2009	July 2009 to Aug. 2009
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	5.070	144.6	149.6	-18.0	1.8	-0.4	0.8	3.5
Iron and steel.....	72	1.238	155.3	167.4	-32.7	-2.6	-1.5	3.7	7.8
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.476	159.9	160.0	-0.9	-0.1	-0.1	-2.3	0.1
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.474	173.6	186.8	-27.8	25.4	-2.3	0.9	7.6
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.718	104.0	108.6	-27.1	5.5	1.2	3.5	4.4
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.405	122.3	122.3	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.340	122.0	122.0	-6.5	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	31.459	95.6	95.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	18.087	105.3	105.3	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	13.372	85.0	85.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.1
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	15.906	120.5	120.5	3.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	9.103	107.5	107.5	0.5	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	6.318	108.2	108.6	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	1.575	107.1	107.1	-1.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.766	116.1	116.1	-0.7	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.684	93.4	93.4	-0.8	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2007 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

**Table 7. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes by locality of origin: August 2008 to August 2009**  
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Percent of U.S. imports <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
		July 2009	Aug. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
				Aug. 2008 to Aug. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009	June 2009 to July 2009	July 2009 to Aug. 2009
<b>Industrialized Countries<sup>2</sup></b> .....	42.434	119.1	120.5	-13.6	0.5	1.5	-0.2	1.2
Nonmanufactured articles.....	4.390	168.1	179.7	-44.6	4.9	10.9	-1.5	6.9
Manufactured articles.....	37.621	114.9	115.6	-8.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.6
<b>Other Countries<sup>3</sup></b> .....	57.566	117.9	120.9	-16.4	2.5	3.2	-0.8	2.5
Nonmanufactured articles.....	12.442	220.8	242.0	-36.2	10.1	12.6	-2.1	9.6
Manufactured articles.....	44.910	103.3	103.9	-7.1	0.8	0.9	-0.3	0.6
<b>Canada</b> .....	15.963	128.1	131.5	-22.1	1.7	2.7	-0.7	2.7
Nonmanufactured articles.....	3.979	160.8	172.8	-45.9	4.9	10.9	-1.6	7.5
Manufactured articles.....	11.678	122.5	124.0	-11.2	0.7	0.6	-0.4	1.2
<b>European Union<sup>4</sup></b> .....	17.447	124.7	125.0	-6.3	-0.1	0.6	0.2	0.2
Nonmanufactured articles.....	0.222	231.6	248.9	-35.9	3.1	13.2	-0.9	7.5
Manufactured articles.....	17.133	122.3	122.6	-5.5	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.2
<b>France (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	1.954	121.6	122.0	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.3
<b>Germany (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	4.735	109.3	109.8	-3.0	-0.1	0.4	0.6	0.5
<b>United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	2.660	121.0	121.8	-12.9	0.3	1.5	0.2	0.7
<b>Latin America<sup>5</sup></b> .....	17.808	145.2	150.1	-21.4	3.8	3.6	-1.1	3.4
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.160	248.4	271.5	-30.2	10.3	9.8	-2.2	9.3
Manufactured articles.....	12.547	124.3	125.3	-14.9	1.3	1.0	-0.7	0.8
<b>Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	10.785	131.6	134.6	-12.7	3.1	1.1	-1.2	2.3
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	1.947	130.4	144.1	-	12.9	6.3	-3.8	10.5
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100)....	8.788	95.5	95.4	-	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1
<b>Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>6</sup></b> .....	33.590	99.4	99.8	-3.7	0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.4
<b>China (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	16.852	100.3	100.5	-3.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.2
<b>Japan</b> .....	7.488	97.0	97.1	1.7	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.1
<b>Asian NICs<sup>7</sup></b> .....	5.647	85.4	86.0	-8.4	0.0	0.9	-0.4	0.7
<b>ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>8</sup></b> .....	5.729	96.7	97.3	-5.3	0.7	0.9	-0.4	0.6
<b>Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>9</sup></b> .....	3.992	183.2	198.0	-32.2	6.3	9.8	-2.8	8.1

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2007 trade values.

2 Includes Western Europe, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

3 Includes Eastern Europe, Latin America, OPEC countries, and other countries in Asia, Africa and the Western Hemisphere.

4 Includes European Union countries.

5 Includes Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

6 Includes China, Japan, Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Macao, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.

7 Asian Newly Industrialized Countries. Includes Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.

8 Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Includes Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

9 Includes Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

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Regions are not mutually exclusive.

Dash = Not available

**Table 8. U.S. international price indexes and percent changes for selected transportation services: August 2008 to August 2009**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance July 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
		July 2009	Aug. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
				Aug. 2008 to Aug. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009	June 2009 to July 2009	July 2009 to Aug. 2009
<b>Air Freight</b>								
<b>Import Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	132.9	132.7	-18.2	-0.9	2.1	0.2	-0.2
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	23.175	130.6	131.9	-27.8	1.3	2.4	3.4	1.0
Asia.....	67.007	114.6	114.0	-12.0	-2.3	1.7	-1.1	-0.5
<b>Export Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	119.1	119.7	-18.2	-3.0	-1.2	1.4	0.5
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	36.718	108.3	108.3	-23.8	-4.6	-2.2	2.5	0.0
<b>Inbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	125.0	125.7	-19.2	-1.0	0.6	0.0	0.6
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	25.180	122.8	123.5	-28.3	0.8	0.6	2.7	0.6
Asia.....	62.626	107.8	108.4	-12.7	-2.0	0.6	-1.2	0.6
<b>Outbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	111.6	110.4	-26.2	-2.3	-1.1	0.1	-1.1
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	39.248	126.2	126.5	-26.5	-1.5	-4.5	0.1	0.2
Asia.....	41.301	102.1	101.8	-23.5	-3.0	2.1	-0.6	-0.3
<b>Air Passenger Fares</b>								
<b>Import Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	142.7	139.5	-19.5	-2.1	13.0	-3.1	-2.2
Europe.....	44.265	151.0	143.0	-23.9	-6.0	28.6	-6.0	-5.3
Asia.....	29.572	135.4	130.0	-11.3	3.8	6.6	-0.4	-4.0
Latin America/Caribbean.....	11.711	122.8	128.3	-16.8	-6.4	0.9	7.8	4.5
<b>Export Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	141.8	155.4	-19.5	-1.7	3.3	2.5	9.6
Europe.....	34.886	186.1	187.4	-21.2	-2.2	15.7	6.7	0.7
Asia.....	31.553	111.2	137.2	-20.1	3.2	-9.9	1.6	23.4
Latin America/Caribbean.....	21.295	149.1	155.5	-15.6	-12.4	7.9	3.8	4.3

<sup>1</sup> Relative importance figures are based on 2007 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.

Dash = Not available

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**Import and Export Merchandise and Services Price Indexes** -- All indexes use a modified Laspeyres formula and are not seasonally adjusted. Price indexes for merchandise goods are reweighted annually, with a two-year lag in the weights. Published series use a base year of 2000=100 where possible. More detailed index series and additional information may be obtained at <http://www.bls.gov/mxp>, or by calling (202) 691-7101.

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